

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) **CONFIDENTIAL** SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Soviet Troops Returning to their Posts

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1. On 11 October 1951, 40 trucks of the [REDACTED] and about 15 amphibious trucks were unloaded at the Weinsdorf (N 52/E 17) railroad station. Two troop trains with tanks and motor vehicles [REDACTED] coming from Magdeburg, were unloaded at Weinsdorf on 12 October. \* 25X1C
2. On 11 and 12 October, trucks of the [REDACTED] were observed driving to the barracks installation at Rossau. The officer billets southeast of the installation were re-occupied. 25X1C
3. On 16 October, the quarters in Dessau-Nord seemed to have been occupied by only a motor transport unit with vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1C
4. An acquaintance of source stated that troops vacated the Kuchnau-Alten bivouac area between 10 and 15 October. Motor vehicles of the [REDACTED] were said to have left for Koothen and those of [REDACTED] left for Dessau-Nord. \*\* 25X1C
5. On 17 October, an undetermined number of trucks, 1 ambulance and 1 field kitchen with [REDACTED] were unloaded at the Luebben (N 52/A 20) railroad station: 25X1C

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25X1A \*\* Comment. The occupation of Camp Gross-Kuchnau on the northwestern perimeter of Dessau has been changing since late September. This indicates that either separate engineer exercises combined with tank and infantry troops of battalion or regimental strength were held, as were also observed in other training areas on the Elbe River such as Darby-Rosslau-Dornitzsch, or that the troops were involved in a large-scale command-post exercise which extended from southwest of the Elbe River as far as the Halle-Halberstadt area. The vehicle [REDACTED] in the present report and numerous reports by other sources indicate that elements of the headquarters units and divisions of the First, Third and Fourth Gds Recz Armies and the Ninth Gds Army and components of the two engineer regiments of the GCPG participated in the exercises.

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